

**IC 20-10.1-26****Chapter 26. Twenty-First Century Schools Pilot Program****IC 20-10.1-26-1****Purpose**

Sec. 1. The department shall establish a twenty-first century schools pilot program to do the following:

- (1) Increase the involvement of parents, teachers, administrators, and local civic leaders in the operation of the local school.
- (2) Provide more responsibility and flexibility in the governance of schools at the local level.
- (3) Encourage innovative and responsive management practices in light of the social and economic problems in the community.
- (4) Provide grants to schools selected by the department to implement twenty-first century schools pilot programs.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*

**IC 20-10.1-26-2****Administration; surplus funds**

Sec. 2. (a) The department shall administer the twenty-first century schools pilot program.

(b) Unexpended money appropriated to the department for the department's use in implementing the pilot program under this chapter at the end of the state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to the department for the department's continued use under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*

**IC 20-10.1-26-3****Eligibility for grant**

Sec. 3. To be eligible for selection as a twenty-first century schools pilot program grant recipient, a school must do the following:

- (1) Apply to the department for a grant, on forms provided by the department, and include a detailed description of the school pilot program.
- (2) Demonstrate a significant commitment by teachers, parents, and school administrators toward achieving positive outcomes in school activities.
- (3) Establish a school/community improvement council consisting of parents of students, school personnel, and representatives of the community.
- (4) Comply with all other requirements set forth by the department.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*

**IC 20-10.1-26-4****Eligible programs; content**

Sec. 4. A pilot program eligible to be funded under this chapter

must include all of the following:

- (1) School based management models.
- (2) Parental involvement strategies.
- (3) Innovative integration of curricula, individualized education programs, nonstandard courses, or textbook adoption in the school improvement plan described under IC 20-1-1.2-7(6).
- (4) Training for participants to become effective members on school/community improvement councils.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32. Amended by P.L.221-1999, SEC.14; P.L.14-2000, SEC.50; P.L.291-2001, SEC.174.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-26-5**

##### **State imposed standards; waiver**

Sec. 5. To encourage participation in the pilot program by local schools, a school corporation that is selected to participate in the pilot program is not required to comply with certain state imposed standards as determined by the department with the consent of the board.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-26-6**

##### **Selection of participants**

Sec. 6. Upon review of the applications submitted by schools under section 3 of this chapter, the department shall select the schools to participate in the twenty-first century schools pilot program.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-26-7**

##### **Report**

Sec. 7. Each participating school shall prepare a written report to be submitted to the department that includes the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the school concerning the school pilot program.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-26-8**

##### **Guidelines**

Sec. 8. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to implement this chapter.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-26-9**

##### **Personnel**

Sec. 9. The department may employ personnel necessary to implement this chapter.

*As added by P.L.51-1990, SEC.32.*